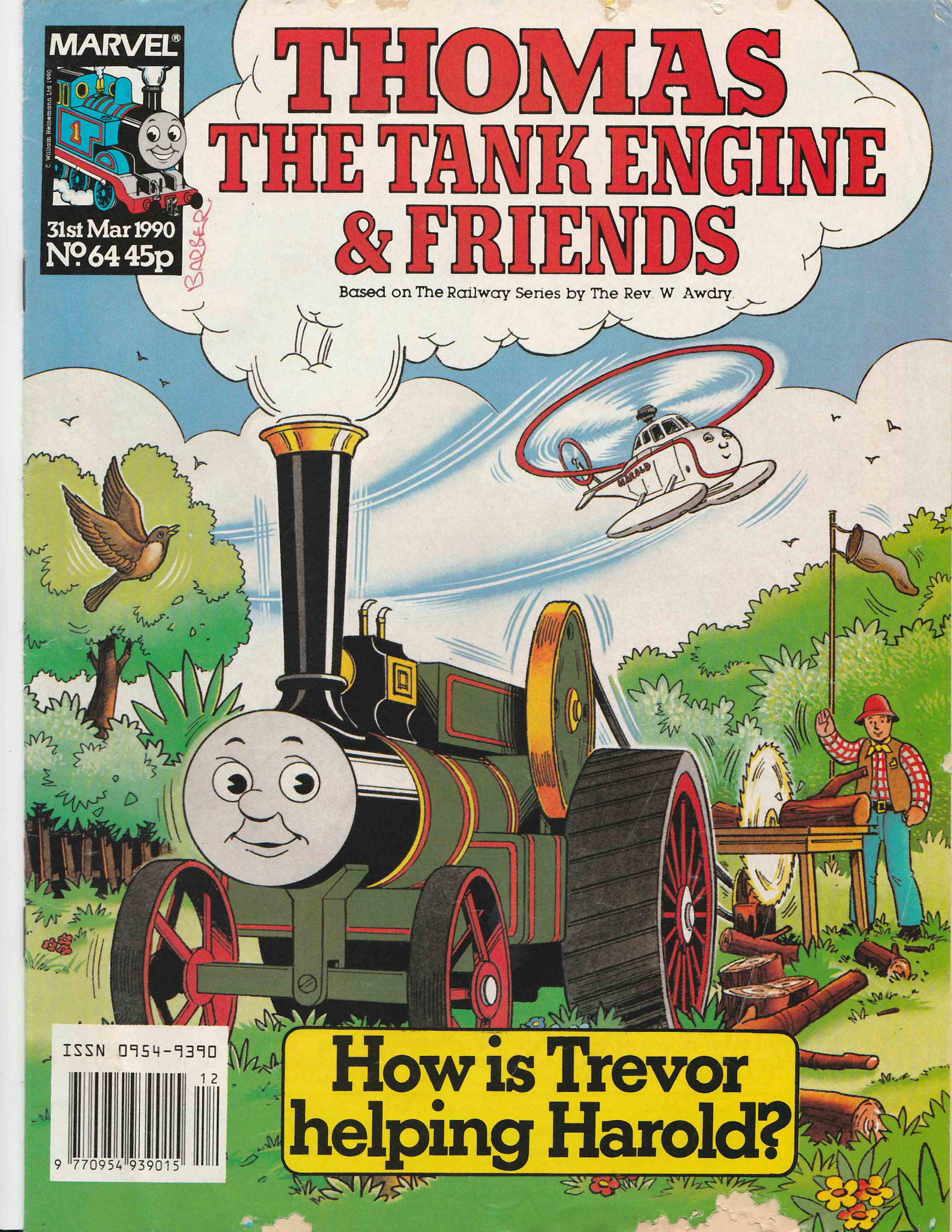
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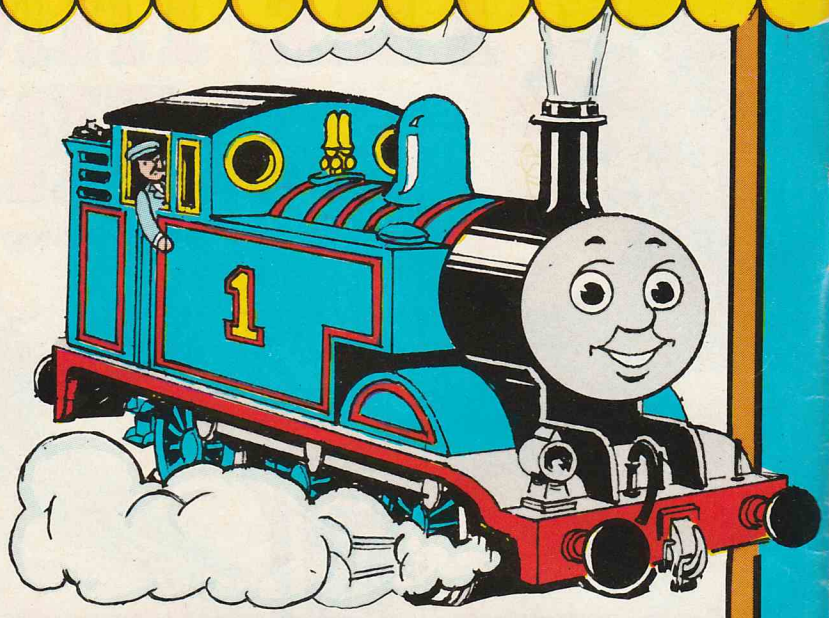
THE THOMAS CLUB PAGE

Peep! Peep! Poor Trevor the Traction Engine hates being teased by Harold the Helicopter. Then one day, Harold is in need of Trevor's help – he then realises that even though his new friend may be old-fashioned, he is still a Very Useful Engine indeed! Peep! Peep!



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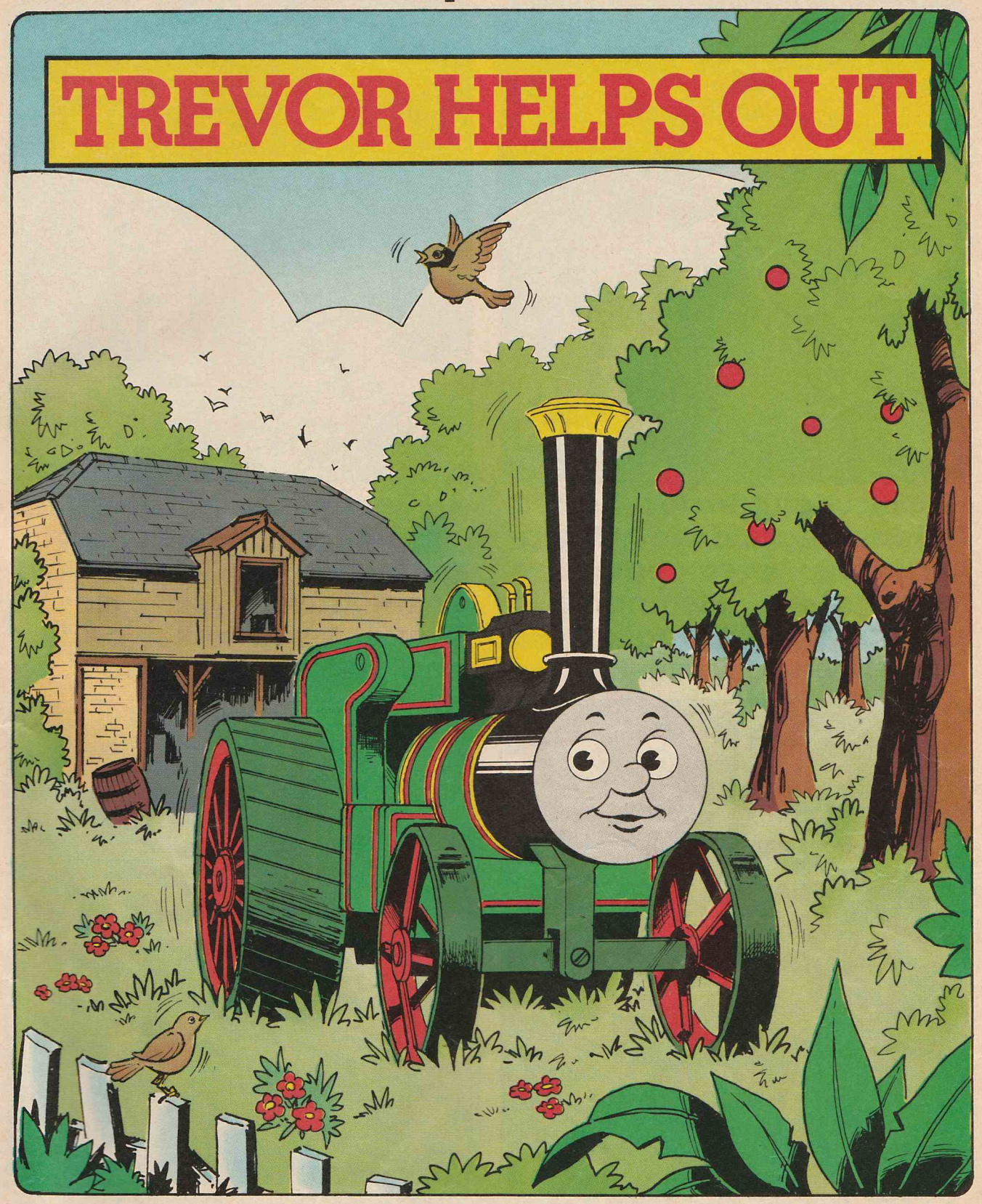
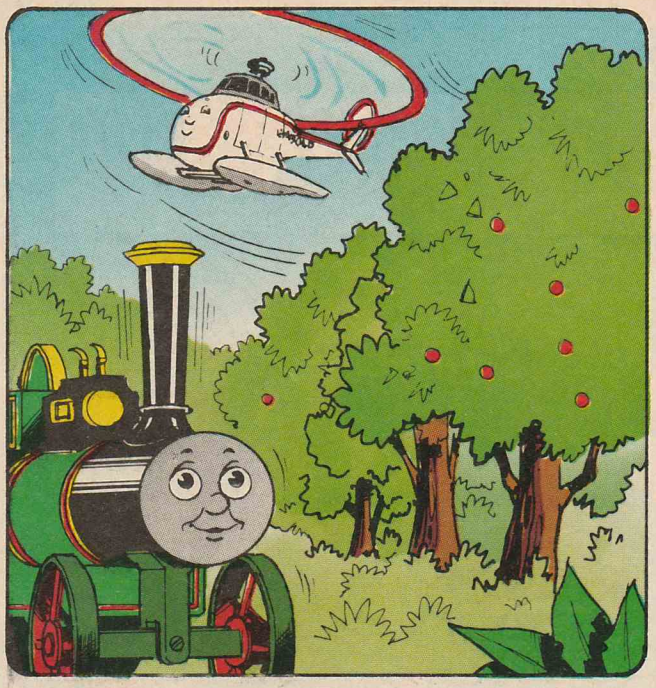
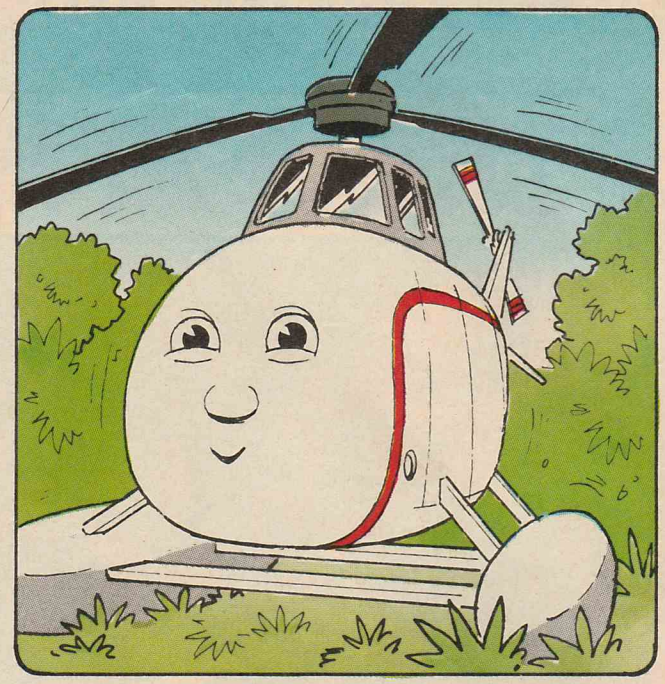


1. Trevor is an old, green traction engine. He was being taken to the scrapyard, until Edward persuaded the Vicar to buy him. Now he lives in the Vicarage Orchard.

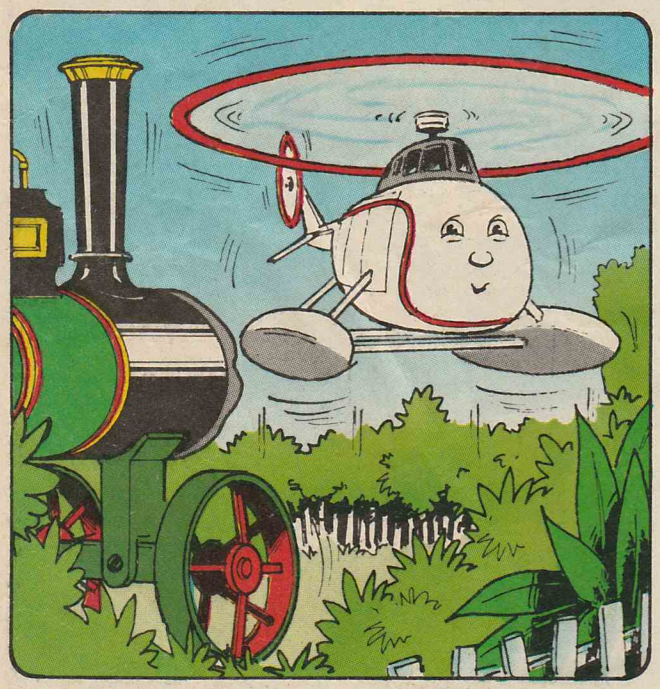
2. In winter, Trevor powers the saw bench to cut the logs for the Vicarage fires. In summer, he gives rides to children at all the church fetes.



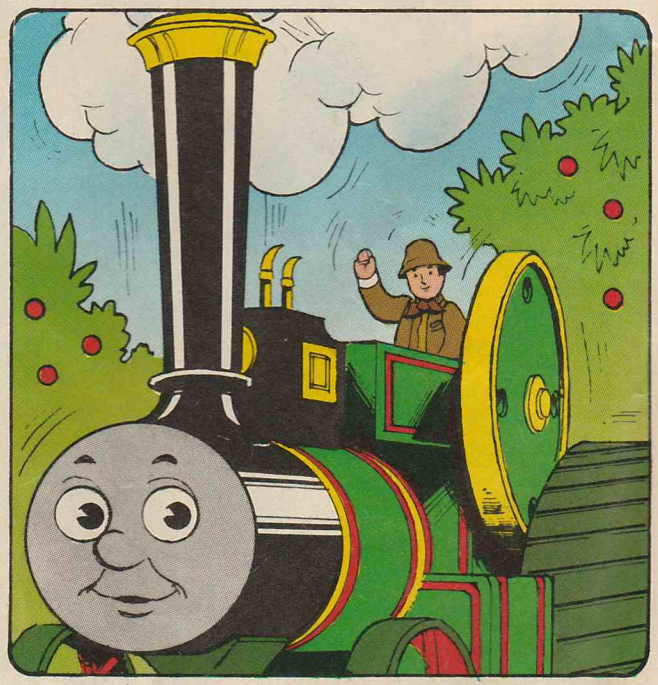
3. One day, Trevor had a surprise. Harold the helicopter flew over past the orchard, and then came in to land. The Vicar got out. He had been to a meeting.



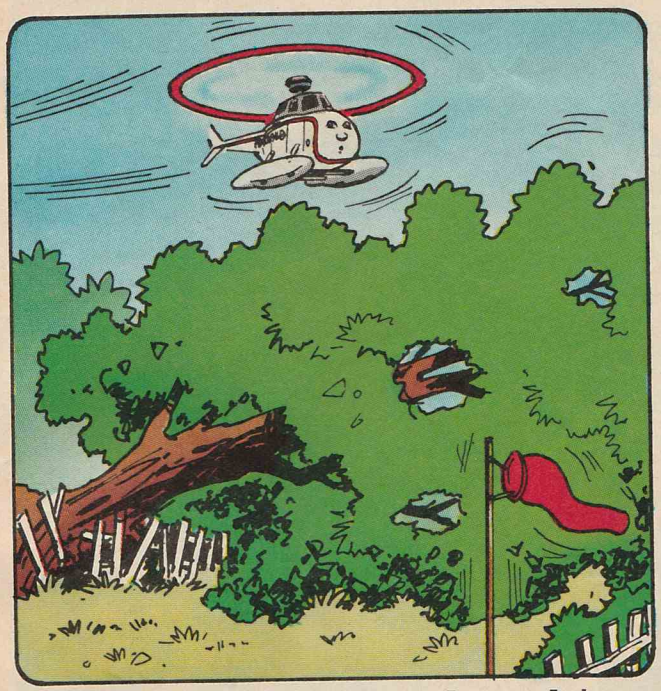
4. "Goodness, Trevor, what an old-fashioned thing you are," laughed Harold. "And you travel so slowly. Wouldn't you rather be fast and up-to-date like me?"



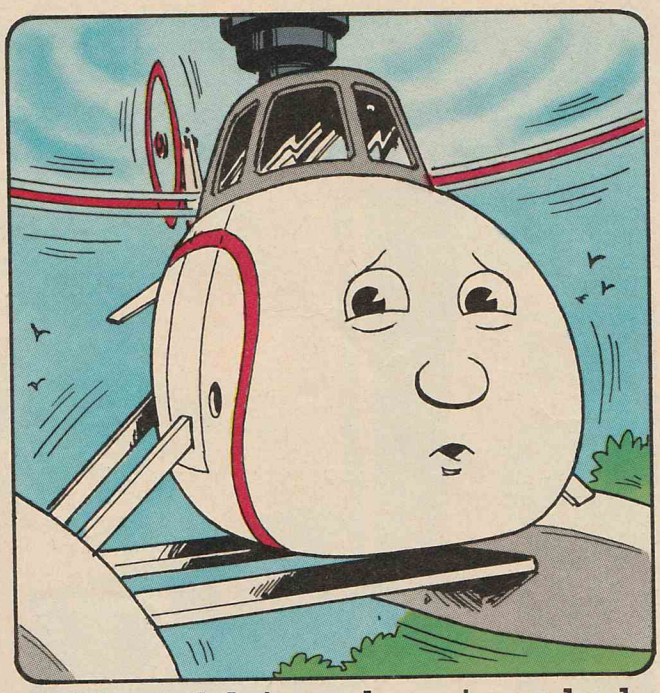
5. "I'm happy the way I am, thank you," said Trevor politely. Harold chuckled. "What use are you anyway? Except for giving rides to children." He flew off.



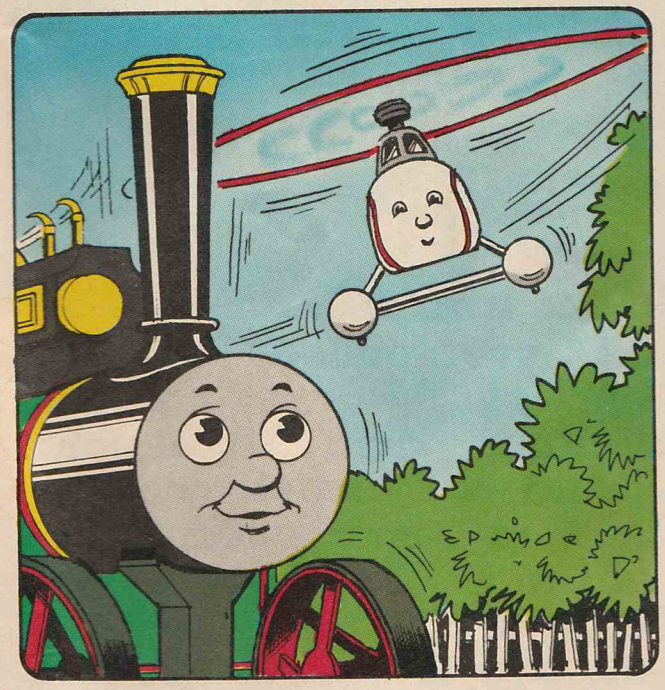
6. "Never mind Harold," said Trevor's driver, Jem. He started Trevor up to check that he was working properly. "He just likes to boast because he can fly."



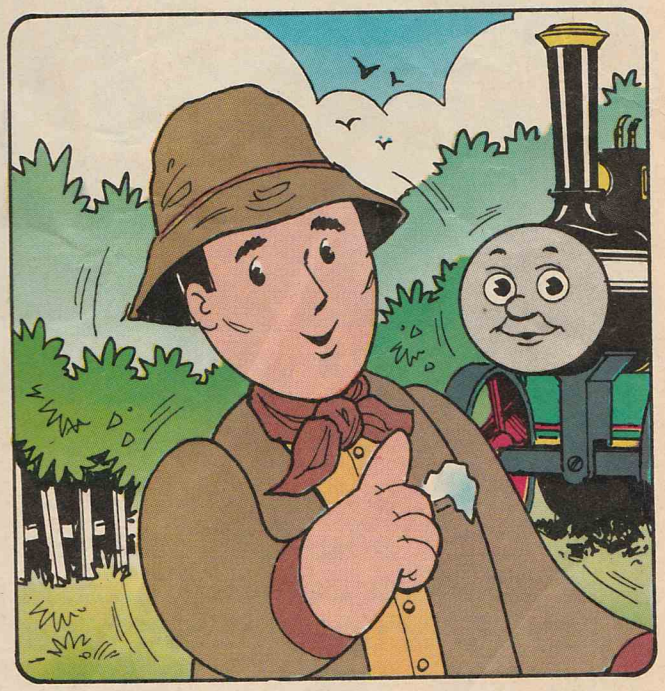
7. Harold was laughing about Trevor when he arrived at the airfield. His pilot hovered over the landing area. "What's the matter?" Harold asked.



8. "An old tree has toppled. It's in the way," explained his pilot. "If we try landing, your propellers might get caught in the branches. We could have an accident."



9. "Fly me back to the Vicarage," said Harold. "There's someone there who can help us." Trevor was surprised to see Harold approaching.



10. He explained about the fallen tree. "Trevor will come at once," said Jem. The saw bench was loaded onto Harold. "We'll meet you at the airfield," he said.

11. "It might take a while," Jem said. "Trevor's not very fast." Trevor chugged slowly out of the orchard and along the country lane. He was very excited. He hadn't been out of the orchard for a long time. Once at the airfield, Jem cut down the tree. Chains were put around the tree trunk, and attached to Trevor.

12. Trevor pulled the tree out of the way of the landing area so Harold could land safely on the airfield. Jem connected Trevor to the saw bench by a drive belt. Trevor powered the saw to cut the tree into small logs. "Thank you, Trevor," said Harold. From that day on, they were the best of friends.

THE END

In our next issue: A new roof!

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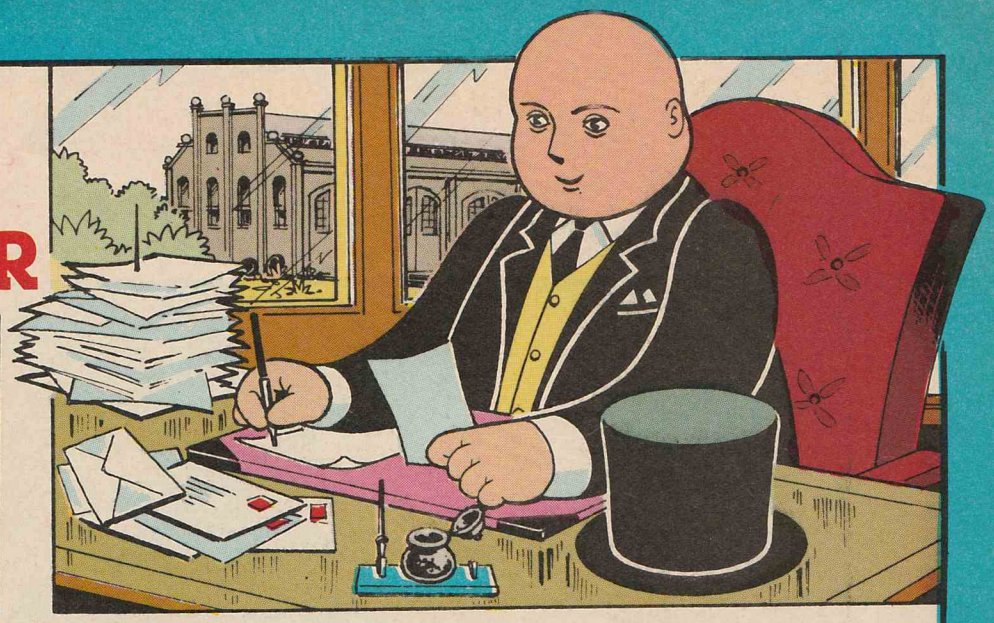
Are Percy and Bertie about to collide?
Join the dots and then decide!

Write to the FAT CONTROLLER



Have you got an amusing story to tell? Do you have a question you would like to ask about Thomas – or any of the other engines? Then why not write to me at the address below? I should be so very pleased to hear from you!

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STAR LETTER!

Dear Fat Controller,
My mummy, my younger brother Philip and I play **Thomas the Tank Engine** when we go out to the shops. Philip sits in his buggy, I sit on the back of it and mummy pushes us! We go along making 'choo-choo' noises, just like Thomas and all his friends!

Love from **Robert,** aged 3. (Mem. no. 30397)

Well, well! *What a splendid time all three of you must have! I also remember playing at being a train when I was a young boy, too!*

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Robert wins a splendid Thomas the Tank remote control engine from *ERTL (UK) Ltd.*

SPLENDID PRESENT!

Dear Fat Controller,
My grandma bought me a **Thomas the Tank Engine** toothbrush as a present. Now I always look forward to brushing my teeth every morning and night!

From **Susan,** aged 4.

That is very good, indeed! I do hope that you will continue to enjoy brushing your teeth with Thomas's toothbrush just as often in the future!

SHOUT OUT LOUD!

Dear Fat Controller,
My brother is 2 years old and he loves Thomas and all of his friends. Every time he sees a bus he yells 'Bertie' and whenever he sees a helicopter he shouts out loud 'Harold'! I think that he is really funny, do you?

Love from **Fiona.**

Oh, yes! *He sounds like a very cheery young fellow indeed!*

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Yours,

Sir Topham Hatt.

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What is his coach called?

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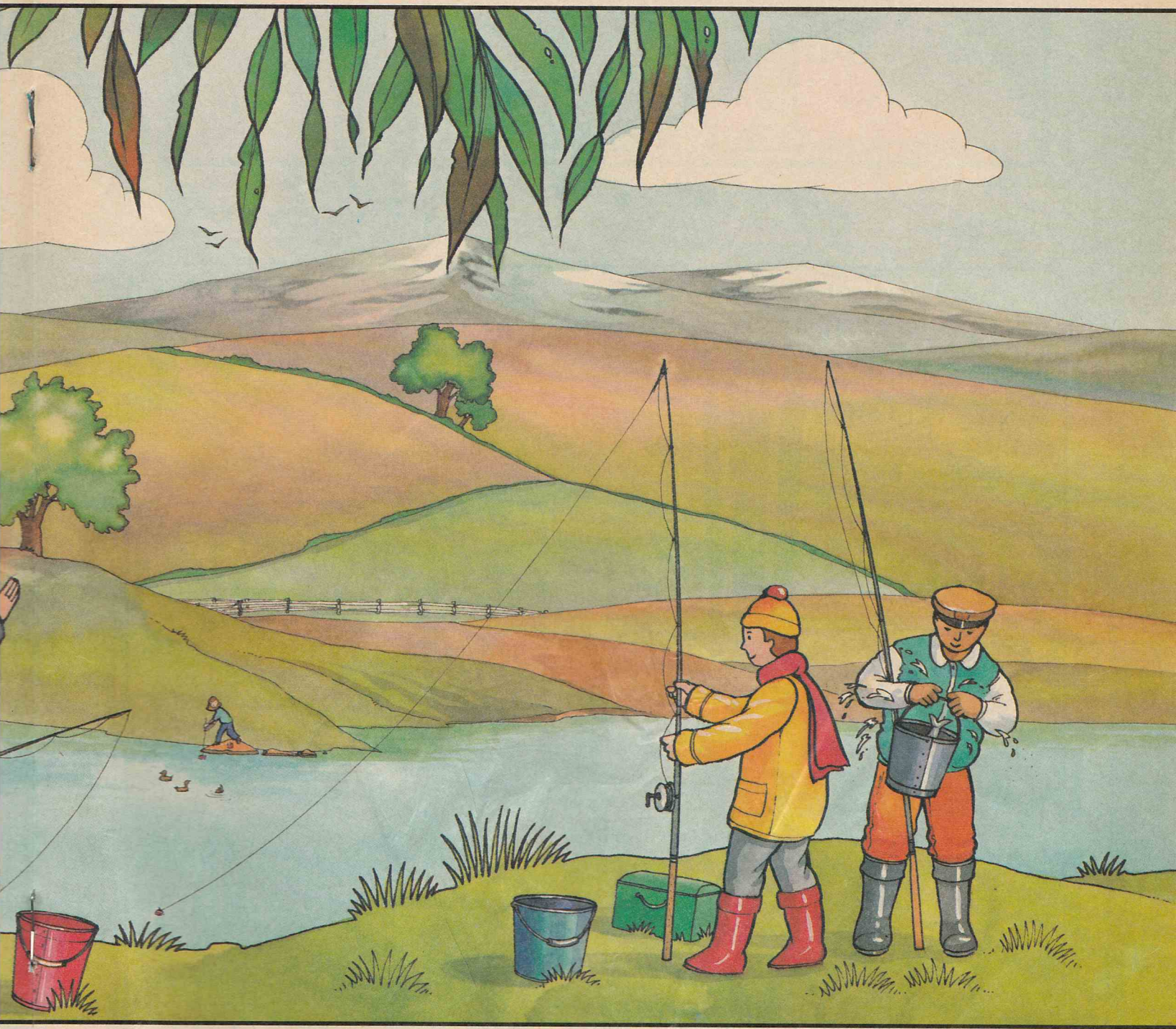

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Next issue: By the Spring flowers!

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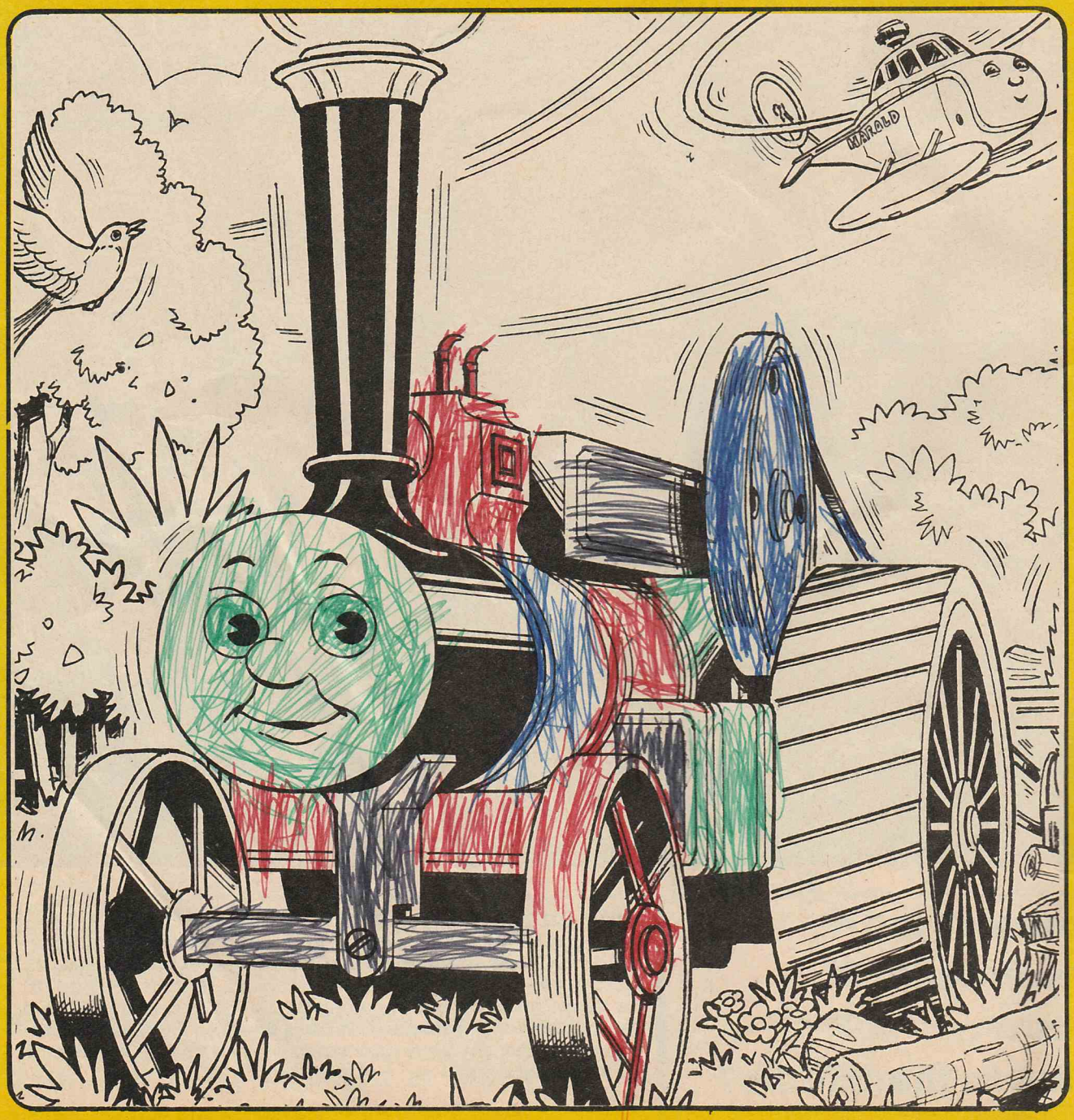
**Can you see Trevor, looking quite smug?
Colour him in, as he goes 'chug-chug'!**



JAMES'S JAPES

Where might you see a prehistoric cow?
In a mooseum!
Steven, aged 7.

What do you call a very intelligent owl?
A birdbrain!
Tony, aged 6.

What is the favourite food of sea monsters?
Fish and ships!
Laura, aged 5.

What did the astronaut see in the cooking pan?
An unidentified frying object!
Michael, aged 5.

Why are birds so poor?
Because money doesn't grow on trees!
Simon, aged 4.

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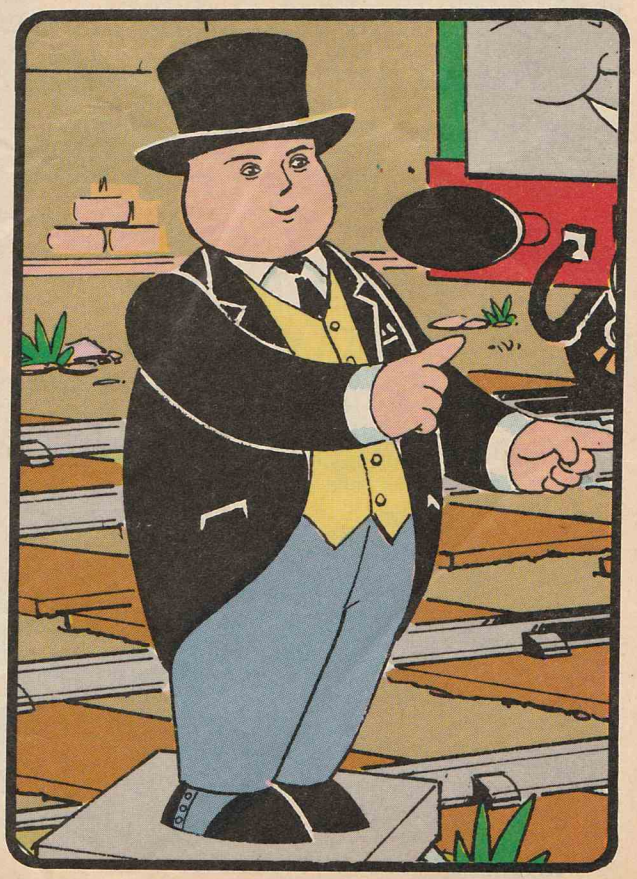


A read-aloud story!

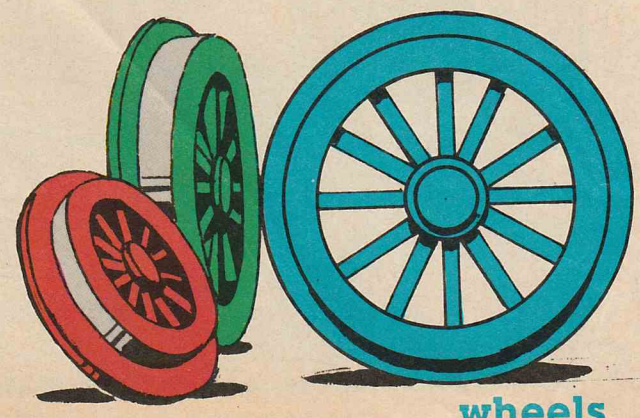
Terence gets Stuck!

Terence the Tractor had been brought to the Vicarage to help in the orchard.

"My caterpillar tracks are very useful," Terence told Trevor the Traction Engine. "I can go anywhere with them. They don't get stuck in holes – like your wheels do!"

Trevor had been unable to help because one of the metal spokes on his big wheels had cracked and was being welded.

"I'm glad I don't have wheels," said Terence to Trevor after he had finished the morning's work. "My caterpillar tracks never cause me any trouble. They can go over rough ground and smooth, in any sort of weather."



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Trevor liked Terence, but he didn't like to be teased about his nice big wheels When the work had been done Trevor said, "Thank you for helping me, Terence. My spoke is now as good as new so I can manage on my own now."

Terence chugged out of the orchard, past the vicarage and down the road. He was rather slow, so cars had to wait until the road on the other side was clear so that they could pass him.

Terence's driver steered Terence towards the side of

the road to allow traffic to pass. Unfortunately, he didn't see the ditch until it was too late!

Terence was very heavy. The ground gave way and he slipped down into the ditch.

"My caterpillar tracks will soon get me out of here," he thought, as his driver put him into reverse.

But Terence couldn't move. One of his caterpillar tracks had become loose after the fall. Terence was stuck!

"Don't worry, Terence," said his driver, running back towards the Vicarage. "I'll get Trevor to pull you out."

Jem, Trevor's driver, said that Trevor would be only too happy to help. He started Trevor up, and drove him along the road towards the muddy ditch where Terence was stuck.

Chains were coupled between Trevor and Terence. Trevor's big wheels rolled along the road as he moved forward, pulling Terence out of the ditch.

"Thank you, Trevor," said Terence, when he was back on the road again. "I like my caterpillar tracks. But wheels are really useful too!"

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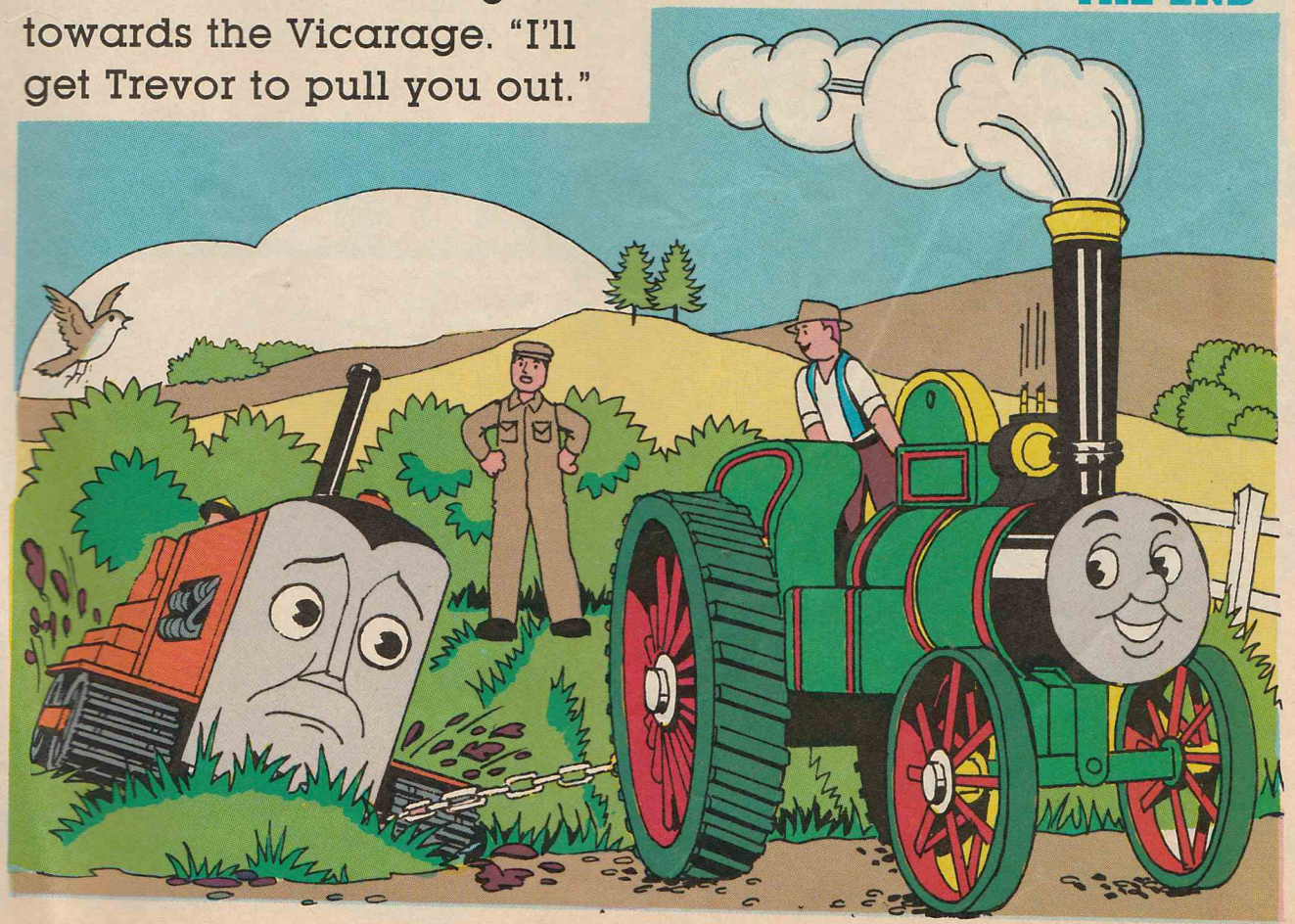

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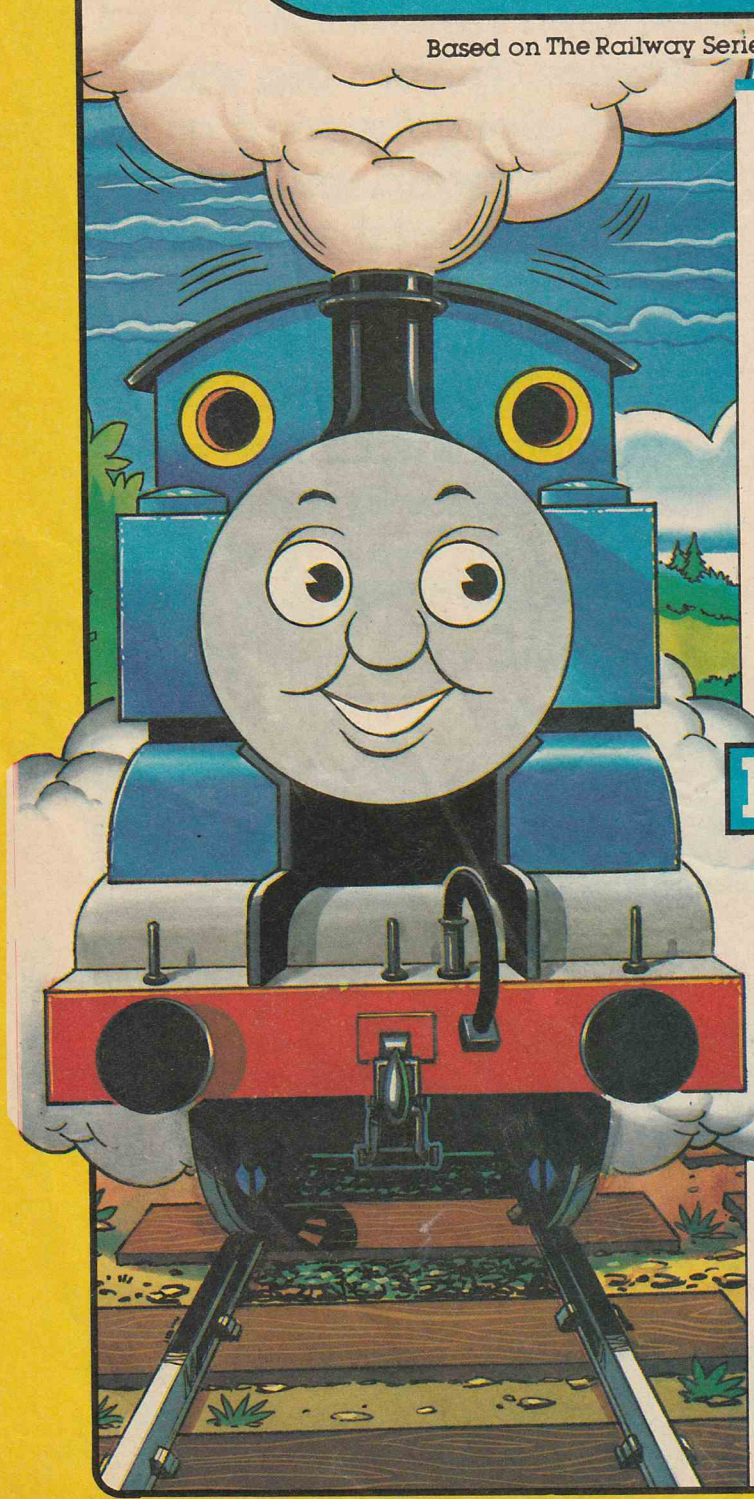

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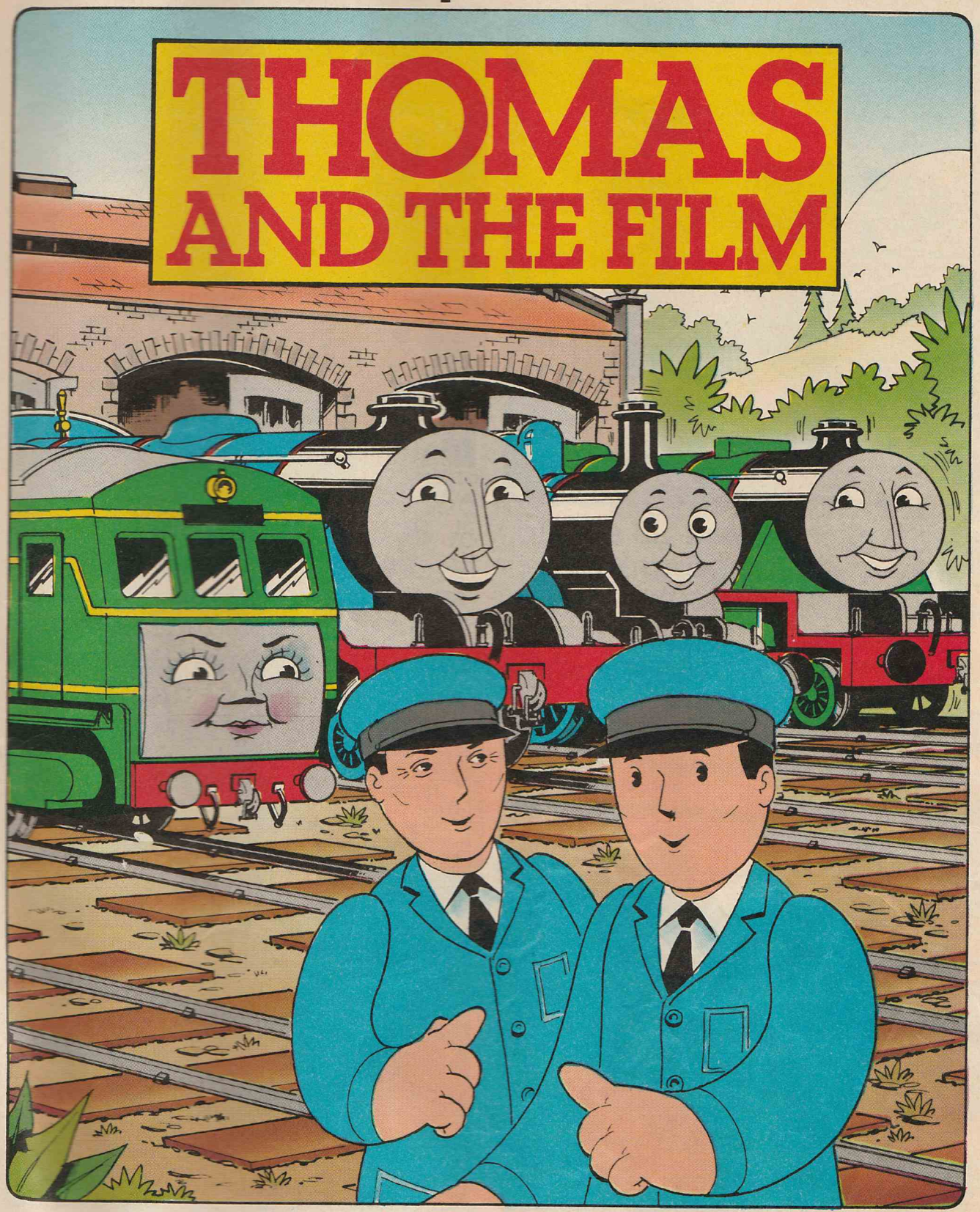
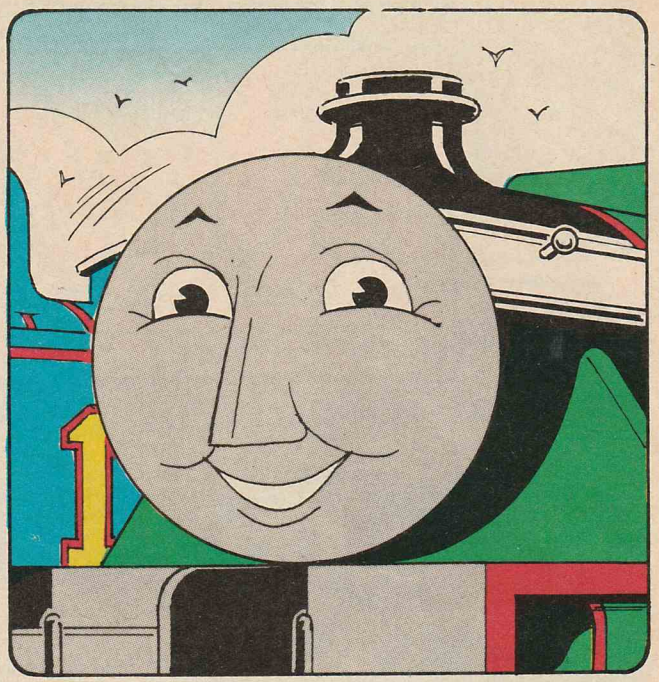


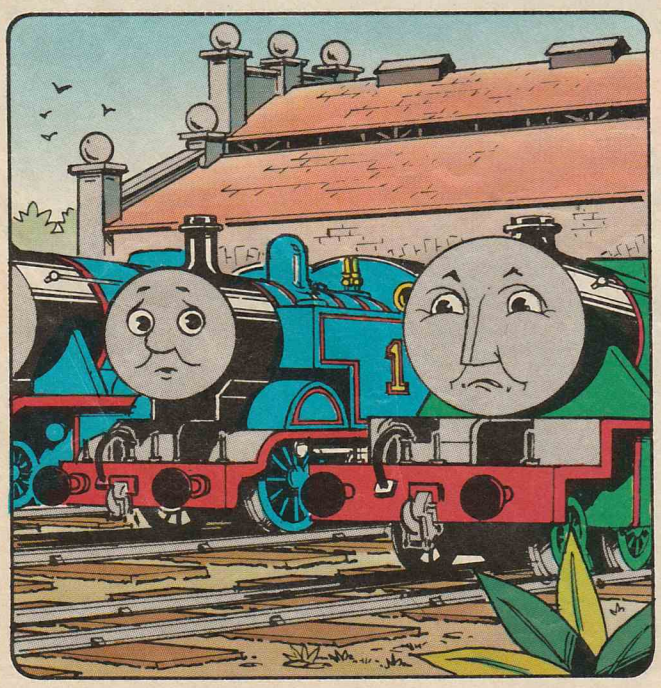
1. There was a great deal of excitement at the main station. A television company was coming to make a film about the railway. All the trains wanted to be filmed.

2. "Naturally, I shall be the star of the show," said Gordon, grandly. "I pull the big express, this is a very important job." Gordon's boasting annoyed the other engines.

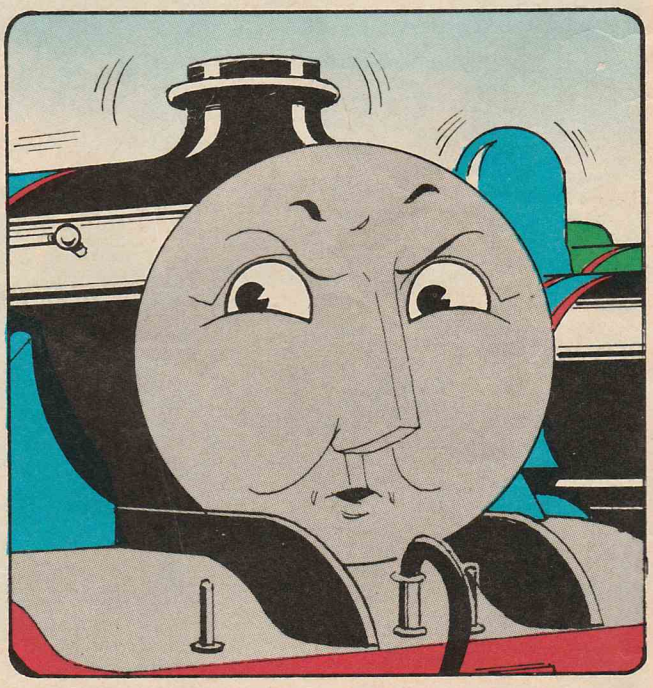
3. "Well, I think I should appear on the programme," said Daisy, proudly. "I'm a diesel railcar. I'm thoroughly modern and spacious."



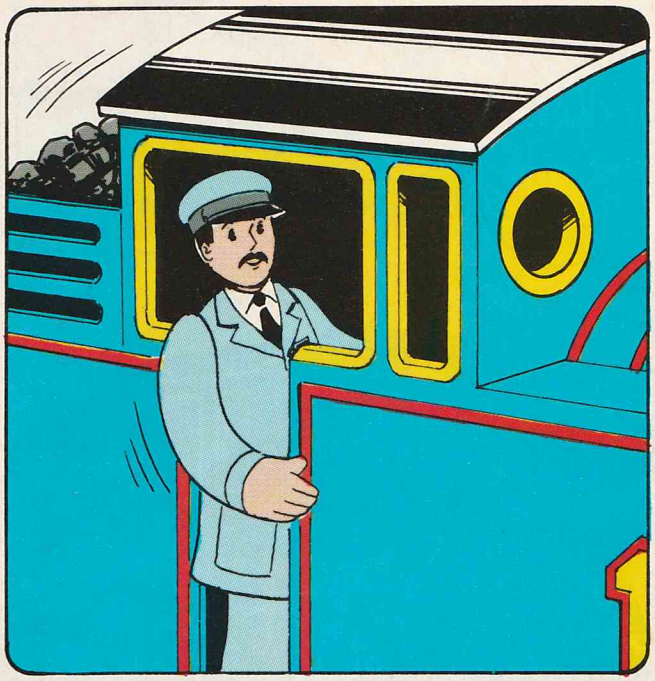
4. Henry also wanted to star in the film. "The producer will want to use me," he said. "A 4-6-0 Class 5 engine is just the type to give the programme an air of dignity."



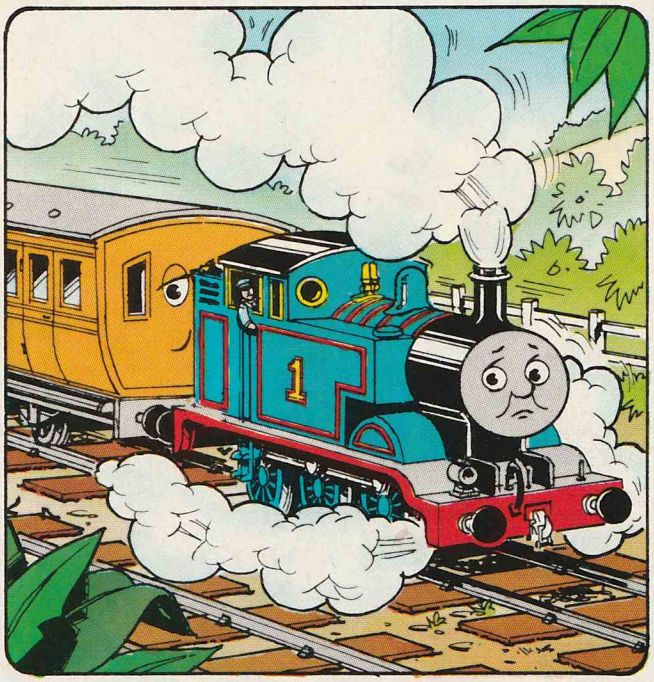
5. Thomas spoke up. "I wonder if they'll be interested in filming me?" he said. This made the other engines start squabbling. They all laughed at Thomas.



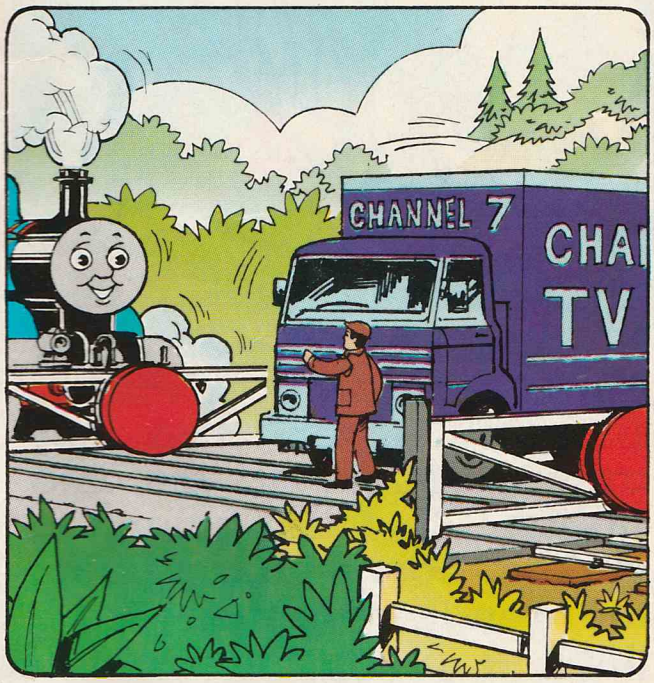
6. "You're much too small" said Gordon. "The producer will only be interested in strong engines like us! He won't want a cheeky little tank engine."



7. Thomas's driver came and took him out of the shed to be coupled to Annie and Clarabel. "Ignore those silly engines his driver said. "You are a Really Useful Engine."

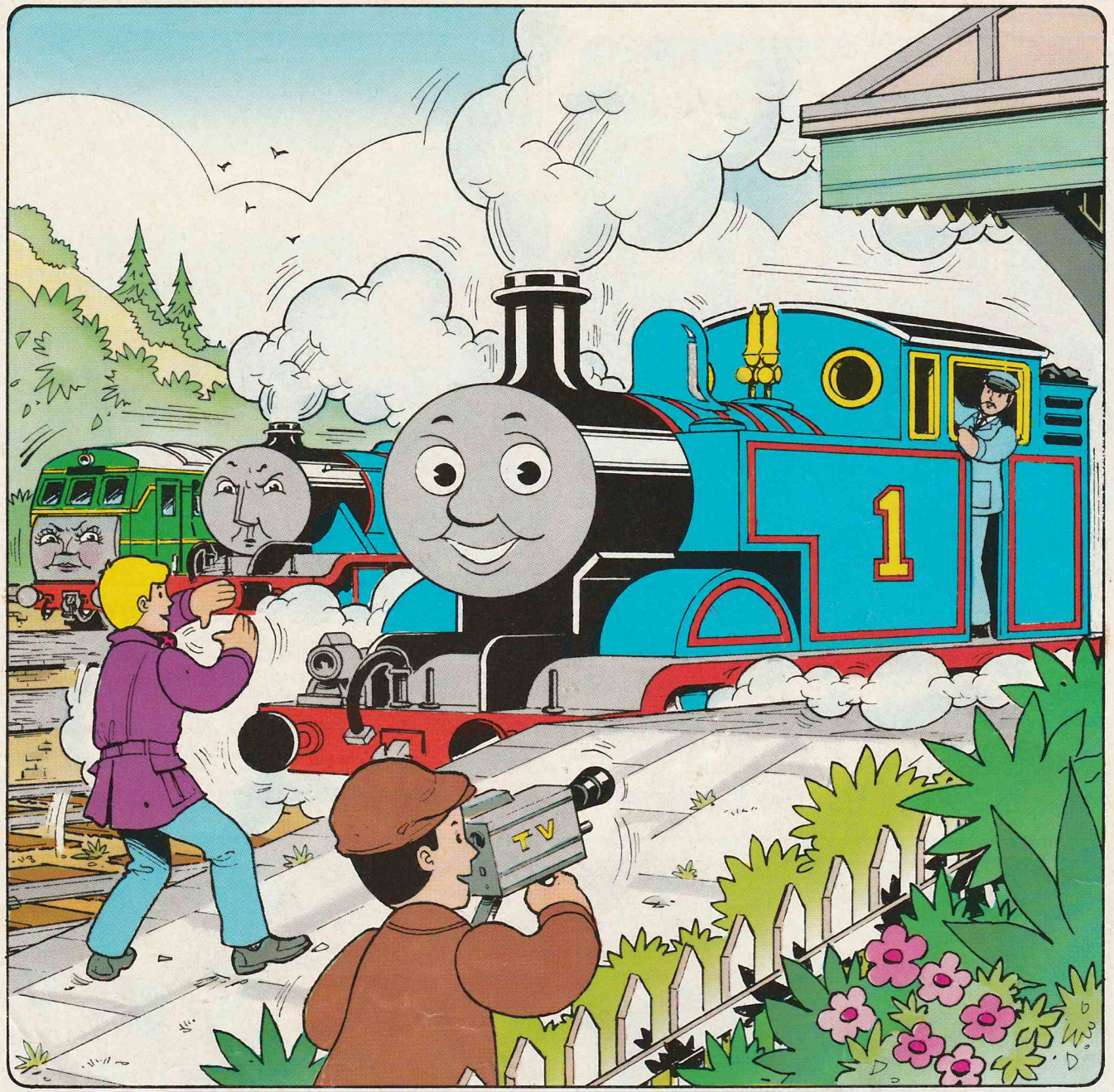


8. Thomas felt sad. "Gordon's right," he sighed. "I'm not a big, strong engine like him." Thomas puffed down his branch line, to collect his passengers.



9. Thomas had to stop at the level crossing. The signals were red. He could see a van standing by the barrier at the road. It was from the television company.

10. "We've broken down," explained the man. Thomas's driver told the film unit to load their equipment in Clarabel. "We can take you to the station." he said.



11. The man told the driver that he was the producer of the film. The driver invited him to travel in the cab so he could see how Thomas worked. Thomas puffed along his branch line, making sure that he wasn't late arriving at the stations. The people waved to him as he passed by. "Peep! Peep!" whistled Thomas, happily.

12. "This engine works very hard," the producer said to Thomas's driver when they arrived back at the big station. "I was going to make a documentary about the Tender Engines. But I think a programme about running a branch line would be much more interesting. And Thomas will be the star of my show!"

THE END

In our next issue: The sleepy passenger!